

suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 10, 1975: Yeas 141, Nays 0; passed by the Senate on May 1, 1975: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 8, 1975.

Effective May 8, 1975.

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## BRONZE—METAL DEALER PURCHASE RECORDS

### CHAPTER 169

#### H. B. No. 1059

An Act relating to the requirement that secondhand metal dealers keep records of certain purchases of bronze; amending Sections 2, 3, and 4, Chapter 460, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 9009, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. Section 2, Chapter 460, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 9009, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended<sup>8</sup> to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. (a) Every secondhand metal dealer in this state shall keep a written record of all sales to and purchases from any individual of copper or brass material in excess of 50 pounds made in the course of his business. The record shall be exhibited on demand to any peace officer of this state or the United States. The record shall be in the English language in written form and shall include:

"(1) the place and date of each sale to or purchase from an individual of copper or brass material in excess of 50 pounds made in the conduct of his business;

"(2) the name and address of each individual from whom copper or brass material in excess of 50 pounds is purchased or obtained, and the license number of any motor vehicle used in transporting such copper or brass material to the secondhand metal dealer's place of business;

"(3) a description of the article or articles of copper or brass material sold or purchased and the quantity thereof.

"(b) Every secondhand metal dealer in this state shall keep a written record of all purchases from any individual of any bronze cemetery vase or receptacle, any bronze cemetery memorial, or any bronze statuary made in the course of his business. The record shall be exhibited on demand to any peace officer of this state or the United States. The record shall be in the English language in written form and shall include:

"(1) the place and date of each purchase from an individual of any bronze cemetery vase or receptacle, any bronze cemetery memorial, or any bronze statuary made in the course of his business;

"(2) the name and address of each individual from whom any bronze cemetery vase or receptacle, any bronze cemetery memorial, or any bronze statuary is purchased or obtained, and the license number of any motor

8. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 9009, § 2.

vehicle used in transporting the bronze pieces to the secondhand metal dealer's place of business;

"(3) a description of the bronze cemetery vase or receptacle, bronze cemetery memorial, or bronze statuary purchased and the weight of it."

Sec. 2. Section 3, Chapter 460, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 9009, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended<sup>9</sup> to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. Every secondhand metal dealer shall preserve the records required by Section 2 of this Act for a period of at least two years."

Sec. 3. Section 4, Chapter 460, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 9009, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended<sup>10</sup> to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. Every secondhand metal dealer shall, within seven days after the purchase or other acquisition of any material required to be recorded under Section 2 of this Act, mail to or file with the Department of Public Safety a report containing the information required to be recorded in Section 2 of this Act."

Sec. 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 10, 1975, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 1, 1975: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 8, 1975.

Effective Sept. 1, 1975, 90 days after date of adjournment.

## COUNTY, DISTRICT OR PRECINCT OFFICERS— SECRETARIES

### CHAPTER 170<sup>11</sup>

#### H. B. No. 1076

An Act relating to compensation for secretaries of district, county, and precinct officers; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

#### Section 1.

The commissioners court of any county is hereby authorized, when in their judgment the financial condition of the county and the staff needs of a district, county, or precinct officer justify doing so, to enter an order to hire and provide compensation for adequate secretarial personnel of any district, county, or precinct officer.

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be

9. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 9009, § 3.  
10. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 9009, § 4

11. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 3912i.